

ITS Summit
Workgroup: Intensive Treatment Services Funding
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Meeting Occurrence: 4/20/17, 5/8/17, 5/22/17, 6/13/17, and 9/13/17.

Group Discussion Summary and Goals Outlined:

The “Intensive Treatment Services Funding” workgroup discussed a number of important areas to facilitate movement to allow people to move in and out of ITS programs as it relates to funding. BDS hired a Finance Administrator, Jen Doig, who started on May 15th. The majority of the work done by the committee was done in regards to the development of the Intensive Treatment Service Budget Guidelines for group service arrangement. Daily rates have been set for the following ITS Programs: all Becket homes, the Easter Seals Weare homes, and Columbia House.

Goals that were identified include:

- Develop a funding model that addresses the person’s needs prior to needing an ITS model, and then when leaving the ITS model that does not require wait list funding.
- Create funding model options. Develop an efficient process that is a win/win for the funding source and the agency involved.
- Create proposed legislation that might be moved forward by the Bureau in relation to funding, for example the ICF-ID model, etc.
- Develop a flexible funding model which adjusts up for a person’s increased needs but adjusts down when the person is stabilized.
- Address if the money stays with the residence or goes with the person.
- Guidelines on funding for this population which will provide for uniformity across the state.

Group Action:

Based on the above goals, the group’s action steps were as follows:

- Develop a funding model that addresses the person's needs prior to needing an ITS model, and then when leaving the ITS model that does not require wait list funding.

The only way that people get funding is through the WL or reallocation, moving \$ around.

- Create funding model options. Develop an efficient process that is a win/win for the funding source and the agency involved.

A number of area agencies, BDS and providers got together to review new and existing ITS programs and their budgets. The outcome of this meeting was that daily rates have been set for all the Becket homes, (Doe Drive, Stag Drive and Bethlehem) and Easter Seals Weare home. Moving forward, any new ITS Programs that are developed will be reviewed by the area agencies to establish a rate that is acceptable to the services that are being delivered by the provider. The program and AA will present an option to BDS for consideration.

- Create proposed legislation that might be moved forward by the Bureau in relation to funding, for example the ICFDD- ICF/IDD model, etc.

This is included in our next steps, if needed

- Develop a flexible funding model which adjusts up for a person's increased needs but adjusts down when the person is stabilized.

Refer to BDS policy regarding funding reallocation

- Address if the money stays with the residence or goes with the person.

Refer to BDS policy regarding vacancy management

- Guidelines on funding for this population which will provide for uniformity across the state.

Daily rates have been set for Becket homes (Doe, Stag and Bethlehem) as well as Easter Seals Weare home. There is a scheduled meeting to set a rate for Easter Seals; Chester home in the near future.

Group Next Steps

- Deal with each ITS budget individually. ITS funding guidelines are replaced by BDS policies.
- Continue to collaborate with area agencies to review new ITS group service arrangement programs and set rates as well as monitor and consider changes as needed.

- BDS will be meeting with area agencies and Easter Seals to set the daily rate for last current ITS Program: Easter Seals- Chester.

Submitted by the ITS Funding Workgroup